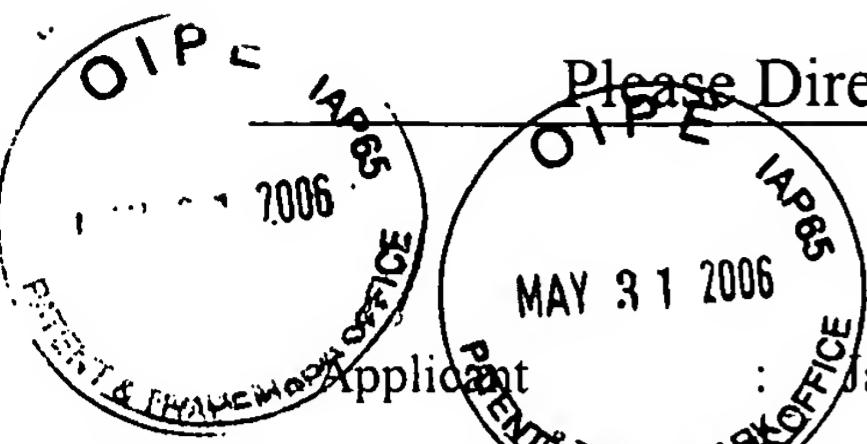


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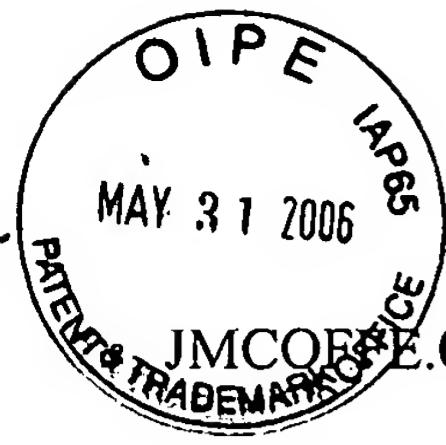
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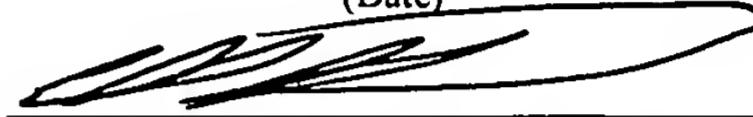
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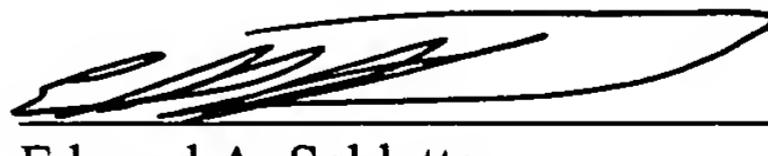
Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that it characterizes the language recited in the claims. Although the claims may cover the subject matter recited by the Examiner, Applicant emphasizes that it is the claim language, and not the Examiner's interpretation of that language, that defines the scope of the claimed invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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